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Hanks Family

Hampshire County

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Delaplane, Va., 1923. Nev- Louis A. Warren Morganfield, Ky. Dear Fir: - Twish to Thurk you for The live booklets concurring the Lincoln Tremorial, and for the dula relating to the Hanks furnity in12 entucky: It seems almost impossible to locale
The birthplace of Lincoln's morture I should like to benow where in Virginia she was born. By working together as you suggest we may come somewhere were Tocating him birthplace. The records of some of the Counties in this part of Virginia are incomplete, for inslance: Frederick county was argunged in 1738 Byet the mavinge records of the country do not go back further Than 1782. In other counties the early records owere distroyed by fire It does not book is if the members of the Hanks family owned realestate in this section of Virginio That is in Frederick or in Fouguir. I hope to find time to look through the records of Hampsshire county. Prior to 175 gang own county of Fanguire
formed part of Prince William, the early records of that county were distroyed by five If I can pick up any data throwing light on the subject I will send it to you If you know in what year Joseph Hanks settlet in Kentucky will you please the me toward I am sinding you some fact which may interest Esespecifically yours, Enritio Chappelear.

September 1,1923

Mr. Curtis Chappelear Delaplace , Va.

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Your letter gives no much encourageent that the problem which had be a left unsolved by every Lincoln Diographer is about to unfold.

After reviewing the lists of heads of femilies in the first census, the Joseph Hanks entry from Hampshire County West va. appealed to me as the probable source of Hancy Hanks. Adoordingly I wrote to the County Cherk, at that time C. W. Maines, and received the following reply to my question as to shether of not the records were intect: "1749 to present time, all wills and feeds idate back as far as 1749" I have never had the opportunity, however, to visit, Hampshire County, and sinesrely hope that you may find time to spend a couple of days over there.

I shall be glad to share with you may expense to which you may be put, in searching for these records, and wish that I had the time and means to go over the records with you.

You will find enclosed a photograph which I took in the Amelia County Court House of a marriage bond showing the spelling of the name which Mrs. Hitchcook calls Hanks. The signatures do look like John Hanks and Joshua Hawks but

I am convinced they ear both Hawks.

Per. Lewis A Warren Morganfier ky. Deloplane 14. Dear Sir: - 2 have put off answeining your letter hoping in the meantime to be able to get more factor concerning the Hanks, family in This part of the country. Of late I have been in the clurks office as Warrenton und at Winchester, and ran over the records in part. I find that a William Hanks lived in Fauguin county in 1776. The records of Frederick county contains the will of a John Berry which was proved in March, 1800, le mentions his wife Palince and the following children: Joseph, Samuel, David, John, Paron, Lyclia, and Marguret Aworther John Berry's will was proved in Frederick in Oct. 1773. His wife was named Frances. He had a son named William. I could not find any mention of a James Bury in the Fredwrick county records. Thomas Berry's will made proved in 1819 mentions a son named Joseph who were to live in Gentucky; another son William was left a tract of land in Kentucky on the Licking. Enoch Berry's will was proved in Frederick in Delay 1802. His wife hancy is mentioned but two children are mulioned in the will

Amon by the name of John Brumfield lived in Shenandoah county in 1782 this county was a pour of Fredericks county prior to 1772. he records of 5 humandoch county are quite complete though I have not found time to go through them. I want very much to go to the county-sear of Hampshire I do not see how I can find the lime to go through those records as I should like to in the near future I hope to be able to do so some time my fall the following heads of families by the name of Ber-rey lived in Hampishive comity in 1782: George Rueben William, Joel, and Enoch, I thank you for the privilege of seing the little photo of signatures in Amelia county. Evidently the two signatures are of men by the name of HZWKS. Do you want me to send the photo back to your Thanking you for the factor you have given me, and hopping that we Can learn more of the ancistory of humany Hankes I am Sincoly gruns Curilis Chappeleur

Delaplane, Va. Mov. 21,1923. Mr. Louis of Warren, Morganfield, 124. Dear Siz: - Your letter was received some days ago. I have not had an offertunely to visit the county- seat which I should like to visit as yet. here we have county-seals which I want to visit when I have be time to do so. I send you some facts that may be helpful in the work we have undertaken.
I am inclined to think Lucy Hanks was the daughter of Josefah Hankes even if she was not mentioned in The latters will made or probated in 1793. It Thomas Sparrow and his wife Betsy Hanks lived in Mercere County in 1791, il may have been that Lucy Hanks made her love with them, since she married Henry S/2 arrow in that county in 1791, Do you know in what County Thomas Sparrow lived? Do you know where Richard Berry lived in Kentucky in 1791. Do you know what relation he was to Benjamin Berry who settled in Mercer county in 1799. If Joseph Bever Hanks, bought land in Nelson county in 17.87 and his clust is on record in That county, does lit state where he was from? I hope I shall be able to find something of importance to send to you I am Dinearly yours Circio Chappeliar

Mr. Curtis Chappelear Delaplane, Va.

Dear Mr. Chappelear:-

I have just returned from a few days spent in Chicago, where I had the opportunity of visiting the Durrett Collection in Chicago University. I found some valuable entries there bearing indirectly on our probproblem, but still leaving the question of the paternity of Nancy Hanks unsolved.

There is a tradition current which affirms that Nancy Hanks is the daughter of one Luck Hanks and that Nancy was an illigitimate child. There is also another tradition that makes Lucy the sisters of Elizabeth, Polly, and Nancy Hanks. These last three were daughters of Joseph Hanks. There is no public document, however, that affirms the maternity of Nancy, or the relation of Lucy to the three Hanks sisters, and I have found that traditions are worthless unless affirmed by athorative records.

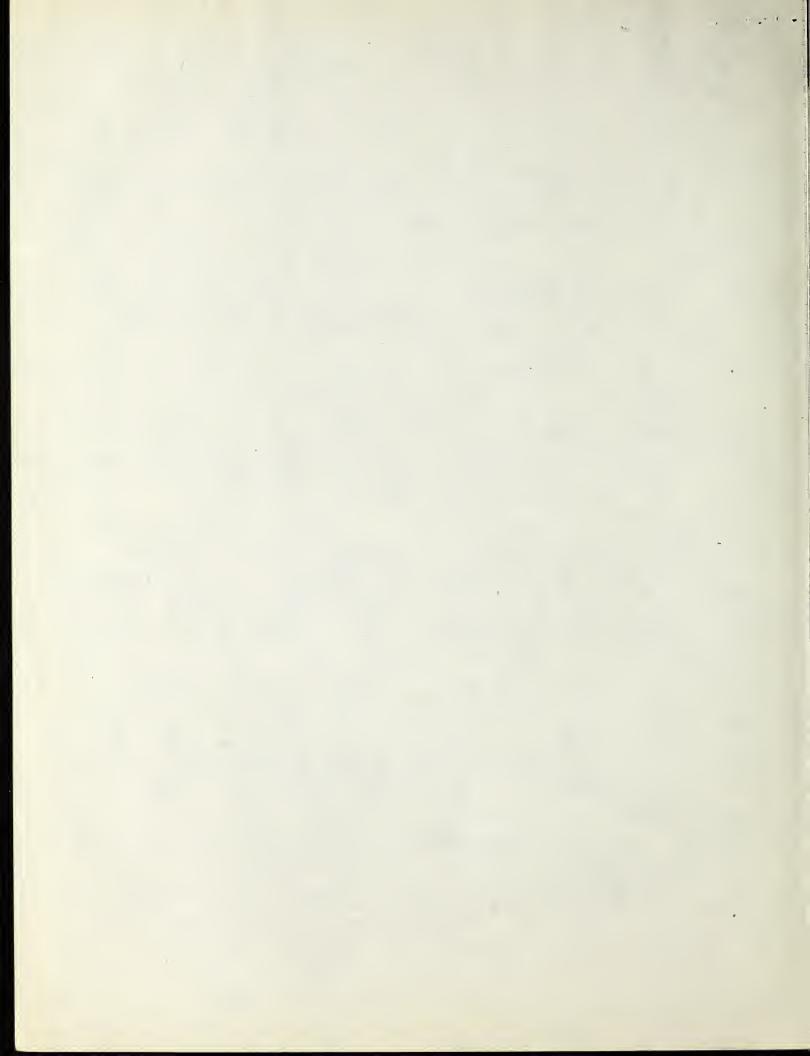
There has recently been expected in North Carolina a bronze tablet in memory of the parents of Nancy Hanks who lived there, and who became the mother of President Lincoln Lincoln. The fathers name was Dinny, I do not remember the mothers name. You can see the absolute necessity of DERINGINETIOUSLY no tradition until it agrees with publis documents.

Iwill try and answer the questions which you ask and offer some other information that might give you a clue.

THOMAS SPARROW - married Elizabeth Hanks in 1796 five years after Lucy Hanks married Henry Sparrow.

Thomas lived in Mercer County three years and later moved to Hardin County near the place where Abraham Lincoln was born.

RICHARD BERRY -There are three of them(three generations)
living in Washington County when Nancy Hanks lived
there. It was the Richard of the second generation
that signed the marriage bond of Thomas Lincoln and
Nancy Hanks as "gardin" not John H.Parrot who was
on the bond as County Clerk. The older Richard was
dead by the time Nancy was married and the younger
Richard was not old enoughto act as a guardian.



Mr. Curtis Chappelear Delaplane, Va.

My dear Mr Chappelear:-

I have your last letter before me and have also reviewed previous correspondence which we have had relative to the Hanks problem.

I am more enclined than ever to believe that you are in the center of the teritory where the Berry, Thompson, Hanks and Sparrow Families resided in Virginia.

Hampshier County seems to me to be the most liable to produce results. There is one other family that seems to have been connected with both the perry an Sparrow families, the name is Bowlin, Bowling or Bolin. James is the surname most frequently found.

I do not think it would be of any advantage to trace any of the families back of 1788 as all those whoch migrated to Kentucky and were connected with the Lincoln and Hanks families were here by that time.

We should keep before us in this research the value of the contribution we will be be able to make to Lincoln History if we are successful in our quest.

At present there is one paternal line of the Abraham Lincoln tracable . We know but one of the four grandparents, Grandfather Lincoln . We do know that Grandfather Lincoln left a widow by the name of Bersheba but we do not know her last name, except tradeona ditionally. We do not know that Bershebawas the mother of Thomas Lincoln. We have no documentary evidence whatever which will allow us to speak with any authority as to who the parents of NancyHonks were.

These facts should make us exert every effort to make the discoveries, and I beleive we will be successful. I shall be with the Draper Collection in Wisconsin Univ. and the Durrett Gollection in Chicago next month and I anticipate finding something of value there.

Rev. Louis A Warren Morganfield. Delaplane, Va. 1.eb.18,192.4. Dear Mr. Warren I have put off from line to time refolying to your last letter troping that I would be able to learn something which might be of value in tracing up the ancestry of nancy Hanks. I am sorry to say that I have learned little or nothing in the meantime. We Trave bad roads here in winter and it is difficult to get very far from home. When the roads get better and the days longer I want to visil Ronney Hampshire county and one on two other places to look over old records A good pare of my lessure time this winter has been occupied in preparing some sketchers of prominent men who were natives of my own county, to anywer, for publication in The annul bullitin gotten out by the l'any wirthis torical d'oriety. While in the county- seat of I rederich some time ago I was over the index to the will records. I saw the names of the fol-Cowing men in the incles: William Mitchell; proporty approised, Cary Mitchell, superty appraised, 1798; James Mitchell, propocerty appraised, 1819; Samuel Thompson, will, 1763; Raysh Chordson, will, 1771; Benjamin Thompson, pluperty afo/skarsed, 1777; Thomas I kompoon property approints 1788. Possibly some hompsons or Mitchell you have been trying to trace. hanking you very much for the information concerning the Berry's and hoping to be of real assistance in the undertaking, Ble Cteapopulion

Delapolane, Va., Ary. 9, 1924. Nov. Lewis Warren , Ly: Dear Dir: - 2 was in 18 owney, W. Va. on the riese of August and found the records of Hampo shire county very monto lete, he warriage records proof to the Civil War were distroyed dwing the war. Nearly all the old will books were also distroyed as well as, some of the court reports. The deed books are complete except that some of them have bein untilated I am sowny that twee records are in such a condition, for I believed that the old mar-Tisy records and wills would throw light on the mother we have been investigating If the records of Hardy county have forest better it may be that some of the will books there would show something. I want to look over the records of Shenandoah County. They we I believe pretty well preserved I have been told that the records of Rocking have county were saitty destroyed in the Civil War I enclose you some notes made at Pouncy; I am still of the ofsinion that the Joseph Hanks who at the lead of a family of 11/ persons, evidently living on l'attorson's Cruck in 1782, was the Hanks Whose will to recorded in / Tentucky in 1793. I have not found any record of the Boleno in Hampshire, Among yours

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Mr. Louis, A. Warren, Nov. 9, 1924. Morganfield, Ry. Dear Dir: I enclose to you some facts in respect to the mat-Ter you have in hand In addition I wish to say that I lately sow in a history of in Westwalest Churchen is stated that William and John Hank, brothers and gruthlist Theachers, were born in Mouroe country W.Va., in 1795 and in 1800, respectively. In Harrisona, Landmarks of Old Prince William, "lately / published it is stated that Like and hancy Hanks, who joined a Primalive 1301 Tist Clarch at Broad Pun, in Tanque county, Va. removed to The Cowlinas in 1785. In one of the notion you sent to me they are mentioned as living in Mouth Carolina. Hojoing line the en closed fact may help you & am, B. C. Chappollar

MR. B. C. CHAPPELEAR

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MR. B. C. CHAPPELEAR BELLE GROVE FARM DELAPLANE, VA.

Rev. Louis & Warren Jan. 28? 19257 Morganfield, Ky. Dem Um. Warren! I weloze to you some fusts about the Lincolus, taken from the records of injusta county. I find that a large number of persons by he name of Berry lived in that county in early days; but I did not see any mention of ant Pichand Berry there were also a number of fevering living in that County. Ame named Henry Strijoleys lived in what was Augusta county? in 1760. I want to look further into resords dealing with the Berry ?? Bl. Chappalism

MR. B. C. CHAPPELEAR
BELLE GROVE FARM
DELAPLANE, VA.

Feb. 20, 1925.

Rev. Louis Warren, Morganfield, Ky.

Doar Mr. Warren:

Tread the article on the ancestry of Lincoln by Dr. W.B. Barton in the New York Times. He seems to have left but few stones unturned in his research work. It is clear that he has refuted the Tarbell and Hitchcock theories respecting the Hanks family. Still he leaves us in the dark so far as our knowledge of the maternal grand father goes. I am inclined to think he is right in the belief that the paternal grand mother was Bethsheba Herring; although I do not see that he presents any authorative evidence to show that she was really a daughter of Leonard Herring.

I guess Dr. Barton will publish in his book about all that can be learned from the l

about all that can be learned from the known records. If I should run across anything of importance I will send it to you.

With best wishes I am

Very sincerely yours,

Curtis Chippolar

Mr.B C.Chappelear Delaplano, Va.

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Benr Mr. Chappellonr:

The information which I have just recently received from you is appreciated for more than my promptness to reply would indicate.

I have been swamped with duties growing out of my historical work. Have just finished reading proof for a new Lincoln book written by a friend, Recently delivered an address before the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society on "The Mystery of Lincoln's Helancholy" and next Tuesday go to Indianapolis for an address before the Indiana Historical Commission on "Moused Sources for Modern Historians". Have also completed one volumn of my own two volumn work so you can understand why I have not been prompt in replying to your letters.

To get down to the problem of Lincoln's grandparents Thereis no one to day who is able to trace the parents of Nancy Kanka and no one who can present documentary avidence that Berchaba the wife of the senior Abraham Lincoln was a Herrin. The fact is we are ignorant of any of the Virginia grandparents with the exception of Abraham Lincoln.

Now I beleive beyond any doubt that you have found the joseph Hanks we are locking for in what was Hampshier County on Patterson Creek. : We need to find the priends, Shipleys, Berrys, Mitchells and Thompsons there and we seem to have them.

I would suggest some lines that might be productive.

SHIPLEYS - If there are still come Thipley families are still living in Hardy County I should try and get in touch with them.

HANKS - I think the Joseph Hanks family in Humpshier is the one we went. Are there may Hankses still living in the county.

COUNTIES - Could you give me without very much trouble the dates of the establishment of the following counties and from what counties they were formed. Grant , Mineral, Hardy, Hampshier, Shenandouh, Frederick, Morgan, Berkley

There has recently been published by Waldo Lincoln of Wordester has a very expensive genealogy of the Lincoln Family it costs \$12.00 but it is the most authentic volumn extant. It has nothing in it however that will help us in our problem.

Thall advise you if I come across anything new.

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John W. Wayland, of Harrisonburg, Va., wrote Myra Hank Rudolph, of Warren, O., July 3, 1926, that he had recently examined the records at Romey, Hampshire Co., Va., where he was told that practically all the wills and marriage records were destroyed during the civil war. The deeds were found in tact. He found a mortgage running from Joseph Hanks in 1784, to Peter Putman covering a piece of land on Mikes Run, a drain of Patterson's Creek, presumably in Mineral Co., Va., or possibly Grant Co. He could find no further record pertaining to the transaction. He says the census records of 1782 shows Joseph Hanks head of a family in Hampshire Co. Va. Hampshire was formed from Frederick in 1753. The following is a copy of the copy, the copy being furnished to me by Myra Hank Rudolph with letter of Aug. 13, 1926, and recopied by me Aug. 23, 1926. (A. E. Ewing, Grand Rapids, Michigan.)

From Hampshire County, W. Va., Deed Book No. 6, pages 168,

169. Hanks to Putman Mortgage, March 9, 1784.

This Indenture made the ninth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four Between Joseph Hanks of the County of Hampshire in Virginia of the one part and Peter Putman of the same place of the Other part Witnesseth. That for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty one pounds Nine Shillings Current money of Virginia, to the . said Joseph Hanks in hand paid by the said Peter Putman at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged, He the said Joseph Hanks Hath Granted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened and Confirmed and by these presents Doth Grant, Bargain & Sell, Alien & Confirm unto the said Peter Putman a Certain Piece or Parcel of Land lying and being on Mikes Run, a Drain of Pattersons Creek in the said County, being part of a Survey made for Peter Hartman, from and under whom the said Joseph Hanks hath Right, Containing by Estimation One hundred and eight Acres, for the Conveyance whereof the said Joseph Hanks hath George Terrys Bond; with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Piece or Parcel of Land with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him the said Peter Putman his heirs & assigns forever. To the only proper use and behoof of him the said Peter Putman his heirs and Assigns forever. PROVIDED Always and the true intent and meaning hereof is, that in Case the said Joseph Hanks his heirs Executors or Administrators shall well and truly pay, or Cause to be paid to the said Peter Putman, his heirs or Assigns the aforesaid sum of Twenty One pounds nine Shillings with legal Interest for the same from the date hereof, on or before the twenty fifth

of September Next ensuing and that without fraud or further delay. Then these presents and everything herein contained Shall Cease determine and become Utterly Void, anything herein Contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding. And it is hereby Covenanted and agreed between the parties that after Default Shall be made in the performance of the proviso above mentioned, it Shall and may be lawful for the said Peter Putman giving Publick Notice thereof, to make Sale of the said Piece or Parcel of Land to the highest bidder, and out of the produce of such Sale to detain the aforesaid Sum of Twenty one pounds Nine Shillings & Interest, and is to pay the residue to the said Joseph Hanks, his heirs or Assigns, and the said Joseph Hanks doth hereby fully empower the said Peter Hartman and all others claiming by from or under to make such lawful Conveyance of the Land and Appurtenances aforesaid to the purchaser or purchasers as shal be necessary for assuring & Confirming the same to him or them. his or their heirs or Assigns forever. IN WITNESS whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto Set their hands & Seals the day and year first above mentioned. his

Joseph X Hanks (SS)

mark

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Samuel Dew

Peter Putman (SS)

Philip Baker

Henry Neiff

At a court for Hampshire County the 9th day of November 1784 This Deed of Mortgage between Joseph Hanks of the one part and Peter Putman of the other part was proved in Solemn Form by Samuel Dew, Henry Neiff and Philip Baker Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

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And. Wodrow Cl.Cur.

The copy from which this was made was copied June 30, 1926, at Romey, and typewritten at Harrisonburg July 3, 1926, by John W. Wayland.

A. E. Ewing Grand Rapids, Mich.

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